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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, at line 3, insert the following new paragraph.

-- This is a divisional application of Application No. 09/006,478, filed January 13, 1998, ^{now U.S. Patent No. 6,649,661} which is a continuation application of Application No. 08/461,975, filed June 5, 1995, now abandoned, which is a divisional of Application No. 08/231,659, filed April 25, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,635,291.--

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Please amend the paragraph starting at page 1, line ⁶4 as follows.

The present invention relates to a recording medium suitable for use in recording using water-based inks, ink jet recording method and a dispersion. In ~~Particular~~ particular, this invention relates to a recording medium which can provide images high in optical density, bright in color tone and high in resolution, and has excellent ink absorbing capacity, an ink-jet recording method using such a recording medium, and a dispersion of an alumina hydrate, which is suitable for use in production of the recording medium.

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Please amend the paragraph starting at page 1, line ¹⁷16, as follows.

In recent years, an ink-jet recording system, in which minute droplets of an ink are flown by any of various working principles to apply them to a recording medium such as paper, thereby conducting recording of images, characters and/or the like, has been quickly spread as a recording apparatus for various images in various applications including information instruments because it has features that recording can be conducted at high speed and with a low noise, color